

Supervisors Renew Efforts for Dope Session

County Supervisors have urged an all-out, State-wide war on narcotics as they unanimously approved a motion by supervisor Kenneth Hahn strongly requesting Governor Edmund G. Brown to call a special session of the State Legislature to deal with the growing narcotics problem and approved a proposed legislative program to:

1. Unshackle law enforcement officers by excluding narcotics cases from the exclusionary ruling on evidence developed as the result of court cases in the past few years.

2. Impose stringent, mandatory prison sentences on narcotics peddlers and prohibiting parole or release on any basis until minimum terms have been served.

LAST OCTOBER, the board of supervisors urged Governor Brown to include a special call for enactment of strong, effective narcotics laws and instructed County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy to work with Sheriff Peter J. Pichess, District Attorney William B. McKesson, and Probation Officer Karl Helton in drafting new narcotics laws.

Today's action re-emphasized the Board's concern with the narcotics problem and the need for immediate corrective legislation.

Hahn, who has personally met with Howard Chappell, Federal Narcotics Agent in charge of the Los Angeles office and has held almost daily conferences with key law enforcement officials, declared that "the narcotics problem represents a real emergency situation and is so serious that it demands immediate emergency action."

THERE IS an army of professional criminals behind the narcotics problem who are taking calculated "business" risks in promoting the illicit traffic in narcotics. They have found business highly profitable in California because the laws are so lenient and the risks of being imprisoned are so slight," Supervisor Hahn continued.

He added that the people of California must mobilize all resources at their command to

Officer Ends Course

Raymond R. Ouellette of the Torrance Police Department has completed an intensive ten-week law enforcement training program at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy, Sheriff Peter J. Pichess has announced.

First Western Votes

The Board of Directors of First Western Bank and Trust Company, at a meeting on Feb. 17, declared a regular quarterly dividend payment of 40 cents per share, payable March 25, 1960, to shareholders of record on March 15, 1960, according to Mont E. McMillen, president.

fight narcotics, which he declared is California's number one problem.

STRONG SUPPORT for the board of supervisors' action came in the form of two resolutions adopted unanimously by the Narcotics Council of Southern California at a recent all-day conference.

The first resolution urged Governor Brown to call a special session on narcotics. The second endorsed and supported the county's proposed laws designated to strengthen State laws on narcotics.

Present State law provides a minimum sentence of five years on the first conviction of selling narcotics to minors, with parole possible after 20 months. For the second offense the penalty is 10 years with parole after three years and four months.

THE PROPOSED new law increases the penalties as follows:

First offense: not less than 10 years to a maximum of life in State prison; no parole or release on any basis possible until five years served. No probation possible.

Second offense: not less than 10 years to a maximum of life. No parole or release on any basis until 10 years served. No probation possible.

Third and subsequent offenses: not less than 15 years to a maximum of life. No parole or release on any basis until 15 years are served. No probation possible.

Present law on furnishing marijuana to minors provides for a State prison sentence of not less than five years, with parole possible in 20 months, for a first offense.

THE PROPOSED new law for the same offense imposes a sentence of not less than 10 years to a maximum of life, with parole or release on any basis not being possible until five years is served.

"California's laws are entirely too weak and the courts are too lenient. As a result we have a 'revolving door' situation, with dope peddlers and pushers being given light prison sentences, serving only a part of their terms, being released to prey on the public, again being convicted, given short terms and released on parole," Hahn declared.

HE ADDED that it is time that "a realistic, hard-hitting attitude is taken toward narcotics."

"I'm afraid we've been too concerned with the rehabilitation of the narcotics criminal and not enough concerned with protecting the public.

"Dope is a living death, which wrecks the lives of everyone it touches. It is responsible for nearly 50 per cent of all major crimes in large cities," Hahn continued.

HE STATED that there are between 6000 and 10,000 addicts reaming the streets of the Los Angeles metropolitan area and each of them requires from \$10 to \$25 a day to support his habit.

"They can't earn it legitimately, so they turn to crime. The growing crime rate of robberies, thefts, armed assaults and other serious crimes is directly caused by narcotics."

"Aside from the tragedy of wrecked lives and doomed

souls, dope costs the people of California many millions of dollars each year for law enforcement. The dope peddler and the addict have their hands in the pocket of each taxpayer of the State," Supervisor Hahn declared.

UNTIL OUR laws are changed to permit the police and law enforcement agencies to use all evidence obtained in narcotics cases and to protect confidential informers, and to require judges to impose sentences

that are in relation to the seriousness of the narcotics crimes — every child in California is a potential victim of narcotics traffickers, he added.

He emphasized that a few years ago Ohio had a serious narcotics problem. It was stamped out there in a short time by strong law enforcement and realistic, hard hitting narcotics laws.

"Ohio took the profit out of this slimy racket. California can do the same — but it will take strong, forthright action."

Flu, Cold Rain Contribute to Record Gas Use

Prolonged winter weather, cold rain, and the "flu" bug have contributed to the setting of an all-time high usage of natural gas by South Bay Area householders, it was announced today by the Southern California Gas Co.

"Nearly every customer is using more gas," Division Manager C. W. Shupp said. "Of course, there has been a general increase in usage year by year, but the increase since the first of the year represents an abrupt upturn in household usage."

The average customer here used between 2 and 2½ times

as much gas during the recent cold spell as during the immediately prior months. Likewise, gas usage is up 30 to 50 per cent over January, 1959, for most customers.

CONTINUED low temperatures and other contributing factors resulted in total send-out of 14 for the first 20 days of January going well over 1.5 billion cubic feet per day. Three of these days topped all previous sendout records.

"Gas supplies are adequate to meet the demand, however," Shupp pointed out, "because of long-range advance planning

and procurement of additional supplies."

The flu, which reached near epidemic proportions this year, tended to further increase demands for gas for personal comfort, Shupp pointed out, because of a need for higher indoor temperatures for the stay-at-homes.

Shupp stated that gas usage thus far this year has marked a particularly sharp increase over last year when Southern California enjoyed a record mild, brief winter season.

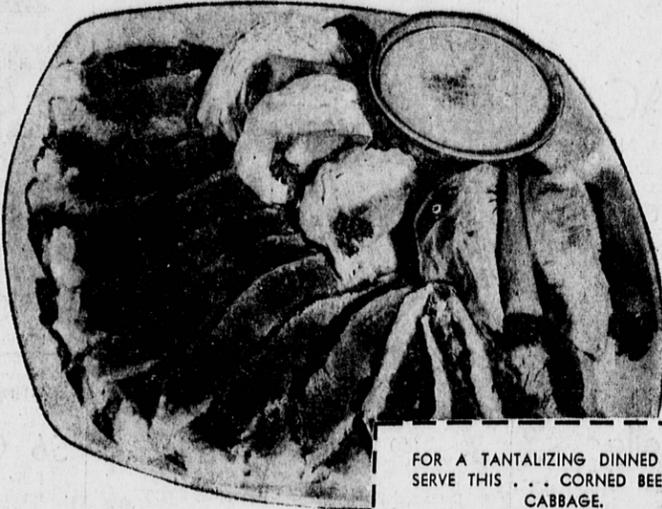
ON A WINTER day, Shupp explained, demand for gas is 4 to 7 times greater.

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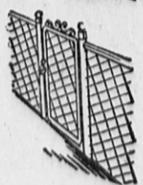
Garden Checklist

By California Association of Nurserymen

1. If you haven't pruned your roses yet, they can be the first order of business this week.
2. Apply a weed killer—and crab grass control on lawns now, then follow it up with a feeding to get grass off to a good start.
3. Toss anti-slug and slug pellets around the garden. There's no easier way to get the critters.
4. Evergreen clematis (C. armandi) is in bloom now in many gardens. Start your own vines now for good growth this year, bloom next.
5. If you have in mind moving azaleas and camellias, now is the time to do it.

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